

GERMANS ARE PUSHING TWO MAIN MOVEMENTS

Prince Leopold Steadily Advances Against Russian Center—Brest Litovsk Is Threatened.

RUSSIANS LIKELY TO QUIT BREST LITOVSK

Petrograd's Claimed Success Near Dvinsk Would Not Affect German Flank Move on Dvina.

London, Aug. 14.—Steady progress of the forces of Prince Leopold of Bavaria to the east from Warsaw is taken here as indicating that the Germans have massed their main movement for a drive through the Russian center and for continued enveloping efforts to the north along the Dvina.

Both Petrograd and Berlin agree that the Germans have occupied the towns of Sokolow, Seidlitz and Lukow, forming a German front about sixty miles east of Warsaw and about fifty miles wide.

This movement is half way to Brest Litovsk, which Grand Duke Nicholas hoped to make the center of his new line of defense. The point will probably be abandoned owing to the speed of the German advance since the fall of Warsaw and the continued pressure exerted by the armies of Generals von Gallwitz, Scholz, Oichhorn and Flack, which form a semi-circle which are closing in the town from the north.

Petrograd claims the Germans have been checked between Poniawesch and Dvinsk. Berlin, however, does not concede that the Germans have been halted there, but in any event it would not affect that advance of the flank farther north which the invading forces began some days ago along the Dvina, the historic dividing line leading to the province of Pskov and on the line to Petrograd.

Germans in Trap.
London, Aug. 14.—Several German army groups have fallen into the trap of Grand Duke Nicholas and are in the gravest danger, says the Daily Telegraph's Petrograd correspondent. The correspondent declares that the Russians have cut through the German line, separating the German armies operating around Poniawesch and Vilkomir. "The latter army is in a dangerous state and executing a frantic retreat," he says, "in an effort to extricate itself and re-connect with the Poniawesch group or join hands with the troops operating around Kovno."

The German army operating in the vicinity of Poniawesch also is in a dangerous position, with its right flank exposed to a Russian attack, which could only have the most serious results.
Attack on Suez Canal Frustrated.
Paris, Aug. 14.—A plan of attack on the Suez canal was said by the minister of marine today to have been detected and thwarted. The announcement was made in the following statement:
"On August 12, after a warning was given to the governor of Jaffa and time permitted for the evacuation of the vicinity a French cruiser bombarded and destroyed the principal buildings and shops of the German, Wagner, which were making arms and ammunition and constructing boats for an attack on the Suez canal."
"The homes in the vicinity of the shops were not damaged."

LIBERTY BELL SUFFERS
LITTLE FROM TRAVELS

San Francisco, Aug. 14.—Since its departure from Independence Hall, the famous crack in the Liberty bell, now at the Panama-Pacific exposition, has not widened one one-thousandth of an inch, according to James Quirk, who is in charge of the bell.

Bulgarian Program Has Not Been Changed, He Says

Rome, Aug. 12, via Paris, Aug. 14.—The Bulgarian minister to Italy, D. Rizov, discusses in the Tribuna the negotiations between the quadruple entente and Bulgaria, and characterizes as unjust the statement that Bulgaria considers herself indispensable to the allies and is bargaining on that basis.
The Bulgarian minister asserts that:

Bulgaria has not changed her program and that she was deceived into signing the treaty at Bucharest in 1913 under the terms of which she ceded to Roumania nearly 3000 square miles of territory.
What Bulgaria now wishes, the minister continues, is reparation based on the principle of nationality for which the quadruple entente is contending.

BIG STEAMSHIP CO. SELLS FIVE SHIPS

Disposes of Pacific Steamers Because of Operation of Seamen's Law.

New York, Aug. 14.—The Pacific Mail Steamship company, in pursuance of its plan announced some time ago of disposing of its fleet and other property, has sold five of its steamers to the Atlantic Transport company of West Virginia. The steamers so disposed of are the Manchuria, Mongolia, Korea, Siberia and China. No terms were mentioned in the announcement and the officials declined to discuss the matter at this time.

Some months ago the company indicated that it would withdraw its steamers from the trans-Pacific service and probably dispose of them because of the new seamen's law, passed by the last session of congress, the terms of which, it is claimed, made it impossible for the Pacific Mail to compete with the Japanese lines. Many of the members of the crews, chiefly in the fire rooms, consist of cheap coolie labor, and under the new law the Pacific Mail would have to replace them with men speaking the same language as the officers of the ship. There were other clauses of the law, it was said, which contributed to the company's decision to dispose of its property.

The vessels sold are virtually the largest and best in the Pacific Mail service.
The Mongolia and the Manchuria are twin vessels of 27,000 tons each; the Korea and the Siberia each are 18,000 tons and the China of 20,200 tons.

BIBLE CONFERENCE AT BREVARD NEXT WEEK

Several Prominent Baptists Are on the Program—Starts Tomorrow.

The Brevard community will enjoy a Bible conference next week from Sunday to Friday, August 15 to 20. The pastor of the Brevard Baptist church, Rev. A. W. McDaniel has arranged a splendid program and has secured for speakers several of the best known men among the Southern Baptists.
Rev. Dr. Prince E. Broughton, of Nashville, Tenn., and Rev. J. C. Owen of Asheville will speak on first three days. Rev. J. M. Justice, a missionary to Argentina will give two addresses on Wednesday concerning the work and experiences on his field. On Thursday and Friday Rev. Dr. C. B. Waller of Asheville, and Dr. M. A. Jenkins of Ridge Crest will be the conference speakers. One of the best features will be a series of devotional sermons by Rev. W. E. Barker, for many years pastor of prominent churches in the north.

On Tuesday forenoon Rev. Elijah Allison will give reminiscences of more than 50 years in the Baptist ministry and on Thursday Rev. F. M. Jordan will give reminiscences of more than 60 years in the Baptist ministry of North Carolina. These two men live within ten miles of Brevard and have rendered a combined service of 120 years to the Baptist cause of the state and have baptized 10,000 people.

On Wednesday forenoon and afternoon the Cedar Mountain choir will sing. This is said to be one of the best country choirs in western North Carolina.
There will be three sessions each day at 10 a. m., 3 p. m. and 8 p. m. The 10 o'clock services will open with a Bible study and devotional period which will be followed by a conference address.

London, Aug. 14.—The correspondent at Amsterdam of the Central News says the German authorities in Belgium have advised all German civilians in Belgium to return immediately to their country presumably to avoid the hardships of winter in Belgium.

TO INVESTIGATE RATES ON LUMBER

Tallulah Falls Rate Questioned—Rates in All Territories to Be Investigated.

A Washington dispatch of yesterday to The Gazette-News stated that the Interstate Commerce commission will hear at Asheville on September 26 the complaint of the Reynolds Brothers Lumber company, of Franklin, against the Tallulah Falls Railway company and other carriers.

It is understood that the company alleges that the rate charged on rough lumber from Franklin to East New York station, Brooklyn, 33 1/2 cents, is unjust and unreasonable for the reason that it exceeds the lowest combination of rates to that destination. It is claimed that the water competitive rate published in the tariffs of the railways concerned amounts to only 30 1/2 cents.

On the date set a representative of the commission will take testimony in the case here and a large number of witnesses will appear. The principles involved are of great interest to lumbermen in this territory and the proceeding will attract no little attention here.

Another matter affecting the lumbermen of the entire United States is an investigation undertaken on its own motion by the Interstate Commerce commission. This is an inquiry into rates, relationship between rates, classification and rules in regard to the transportation of lumber and lumber products. Secretary George L. Forester of the Western Carolina Lumber and Timber association has received a copy of the order for the investigation and a list of the questions that all persons engaged in the lumber industry are asked to answer under oath. A number of the questions deal with the rates on different kinds of lumber, as to whether the existing rates are just or discriminatory. The commission proposes to make its inquiry very comprehensive and the decision reached will be of far reaching importance.

PROSPECTIVE RESIDENT ASKS INFORMATION

Educated Foreigner Is Not Familiar With English But Is Desirable Citizen.

The secretary of the local board of trade has received an interesting letter from a resident of a large southern city who is thinking of making his home in Asheville. The letter will be humorous to the average reader. Evidently the writer is an educated foreigner not yet accustomed to the idioms of English and is of the class that this community desires to number among its population.

The letter follows:
Dear Sir:
Replying to your dear letter I am pleased to tell you I am so satisfied about your willingness to give my correct explanations that I will trust I was getting a place ready for rent in Chun-Cove Bungalow pasture and bottom land included barns and what I am looking for a greenhouse with steam heat system. I suppose you know the owner from that place situated 1 mile out town Chun-Cove. But I wish to know if there are negroes living there or white people and if the way between Chun-Cove and Asheville is a climb up the hill or flat road I mean if that road is good, for carrying my stuff to the depot or stores uptown I suppose that gentleman, the owner that I don't know is a honest man to, and Hope to find there a suitable place for my to stay my truck growing, flower culture and mushrooms raising.

I thank you so more
Respectfully,
P. S. I was on trip to Miami, Fla. for a few days and found your mail to day. Excuse my so wait so long time.

MAY PUT COTTON PLAN WAITS ON ON CONTRABAND MEXICAN ACTION

May Be Necessary For Land to Take Such Drastic Step, Says Under-Foreign Secretary Cecil.

MUST PREVENT COTTON FROM REACHING ENEMY

Hopes America Will Not Be Impatient and Be Assured of Receiving Every Consideration.

London, Aug. 14.—Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary under-secretary for foreign affairs, in the course of a formal interview, defining the British government's attitude in the complicated cotton situation, made this statement:
"The allies must by all lawful means prevent cotton reaching their enemies; it may be considered necessary to make cotton contraband."

He refrained from any hint that the commodity would be removed from the free list at any specific date or that the government had evolved any solution to meet the demands of American cotton growers and neutral consumers. He stated explicitly, however, that if cotton were made contraband England would consider the act legal and internationally justified. His statement, the first in behalf of the government outside of parliament relative to cotton, and coming at a time when the public is clamoring for drastic action to shut off the supply from Germany, is taken in his statement, which announces that it describes the government's position on cotton "so far as it is at the moment possible to define it," Lord Cecil says:
"The British government, acting in conjunction with its allies is giving the cotton situation its continuous and most earnest consideration. The government is fully aware of the importance of cotton to America. We fully understand that upon a satisfactory adjustment of the matter depends to a considerable degree the welfare of nearly a quarter of the population of the United States. The welfare of the whole population of Great Britain, however, also is involved, as well as that of all Great Britain's allies for whom the British government is acting in these and other matters concerning contraband and trade."

"The fundamentals of the situation are quite clear. The allies must by all lawful means prevent cotton reaching their enemies. That is a vital military necessity which all the world will recognize."
"At the same time and equally important, consideration must be given to a great cotton producing country like America and to consuming countries like Sweden, Norway, Denmark, and Holland. A policy must be devised which will respect the legitimate rights of neutrals and yet safeguard the legitimate interests of the allies and inflict as much damage as possible upon our enemies."

"Cotton has not yet been declared contraband but under our blockade all cotton which is believed to be destined for Germany is stopped. It may be considered necessary to make cotton contraband. There is a demand in the allied countries that this should be done. There is assuredly ample justification for the action if it is deemed necessary."
"It is obvious what the loss of German and Austrian markets will mean to American cotton growers. We fully realize that if there is no German and Austrian outlet prices may go down and that Americans will suffer unless some means are devised for compensation. Proposals in that direction have been made and are receiving careful consideration. What will come of them I cannot say at this time."

"I hope America will not be impatient, but will rest assured that the allies will give every consideration to the legitimate interests of all neutrals."

SUFFRAGISTS PARTIES PAID THEIR TRIBUTE

New York, Aug. 13.—Women suffragist parties made a pilgrimage to Orange, N. J., today to pay tribute to the memory of Lucy Stone, a pioneer in the cause of woman suffrage. The ceremony was the unveiling of a tablet at the house which Lucy Stone once owned. The tablet was presented by the New Jersey Woman's Suffrage association.

LAST VETERAN ON ACTIVE LIST RETIRES

Washington, Aug. 14.—The last of the officers on the active list of the United States army who served in the war of the states left the service today with the retirement of Col. John M. Clem of the quartermaster's department, who has reached the age of 64 years. He retires with the additional rank of brigadier general, according to an act of congress.

Will Be No Further Conferences by Pan-Americans Until Replies to Appeal Have Been Received.

COMPLETING PLANS FOR DISTRIBUTING APPEAL

Villa's Truce Proposals May Aid Conferees When They Again Consider Affairs of Southern Republic.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Secretary Lansing said today there would be no further conferences with the Latin-American diplomats on Mexican affairs until replies had been received to the appeal addressed by the conference to the various Mexican factions, arrangements for the dispatch of which have been completed.

No change in the Vera Cruz situation was recorded in navy department dispatches. Secretary Daniels said the battleships New Hampshire and Louisiana are still proceeding southward. Yesterday shipments were off Florida coast. That they will go directly to Mexican waters is generally expected.

General Villa's proposal for a three month's truce for a peace convention in Mexico has not been acted upon by this government. The Villa proposals, officials suggest, will be valuable as an aid to further plans of the Pan-American conferees after the replies to the appeal has been received.

General Villa wired his Washington agent that all the civil and military elements of his party would eliminate themselves if necessary for the success of the peace convention. The proposals were contained in a telegram from Diaz Lombardo, his secretary of state, to the agent here.

"If the peace convention between the factions in Mexico reaches a successful end," the message says, "not only will General Villa but all the civil and military elements affiliated with him be disposed to eliminate themselves, with the single condition that the men who are placed in charge of the new situation shall solemnly agree to restore constitutional order and that they shall not be drawn from the decadent and odious conditions or the reactionary party."

Lombardo also said he firmly believed in the good will of President Wilson toward Mexico and that the American government would not attempt armed intervention.

MEDICAL SOCIETY DR. HARRIS' GUESTS

Oldest Practicing Physician to Entertain Brethren at Montford Farm Home.

This afternoon Dr. I. A. Harris is entertaining the members of the Buncombe County Medical society and other friends at his home, Montford farm, near Weaverville. The following invitation has been issued:
Dr. I. A. Harris
Montford Farm
Weaverville, N. C.
R. F. D. No. 2

To my home and farm among the hills You are invited; but bring no pills, Just your sunny self and brightest mood; Bring your appetite for a little food. Saturday, Aug. 14, 1915, From 3 to 6.

The Asheville physicians voted at their last meeting to accept the hospitality of their oldest practicing colleague in Buncombe county and the president, Dr. E. B. Glenn, appointed the following committee on arrangements: Drs. W. G. Hunnicutt, Carl V. Reynolds and D. E. Sevier. All who expect to go are requested to notify Dr. Reynolds at once of their intentions.

TO HEAR COMPLAINT AT ASHEVILLE, SEPT. 26

(By Parker R. Anderson).
Washington, Aug. 14.—The interstate commerce commission will hear the complaint of the Reynolds Brothers Lumber company against the Tallulah Falls railroad, at Asheville on September 26.

DURHAM MAN IN ATTORNEY'S RAGE

Friend of R. O. Everett Says Durham Lawyer Will Certainly Be With Judge Carter and Others.

MIDDLESEX BASEBALL PLAYER BADLY HURT

Rumored Southern Will Voluntarily Restore Trains Nos. 108 and 131 to Goldsboro—Charters Issued.

(By W. T. Bost.)
Raleigh, Aug. 14.—Sumter C. Bradley, sr., who came here from Durham to talk to the corporation commission on taxation has given to reporters assurance that R. O. Everett will be in the attorney generalship race.

The Everett candidacy has not any time had any tendency toward Dough-tonization. The Durham lawyers weeks ago took their action and the story was duly sent out. But the candidate for honors has not announced himself or made any move toward the goal. Judge Frank Carter has chosen a campaign manager and appears to have a slogan. He is vastly earlier than his competitors. But Mr. Dough-ton one day gets into the papers as running and the next day as standing still harder than he ever stood before. And some days he gets in there running like a heated house and backing out with all the grace of Spartan statesmanship.

Mr. Brawley wanted it understood that Durham's candidate is not out of it although not unseemly in his haste to get in.

Struck by Ball.
Ivan Johnson, a young Middlesex ball player, is in Rex Hospital with even chances of recovery from the effect of a baseball which struck him on the temple and knocked him into insensibility many hours.

The young fellow who is about 15 years old, was standing at the plate Thursday when a swiftly pitched ball struck him full on the dangerous part of the head. He dropped apparently dead and did not respond to immediate medical treatment. When brought to Raleigh he was operated upon and at 1 o'clock in the morning came from under the anaesthesia.

Among railroad employees a rumor goes that Durham's candidate is to go to the Southern railway is to restore the Goldsboro end of the runs of Nos. 108 and 131.

The new enterprises chartered yesterday were the Mebane Masonic association and the Falls Manufacturing company of Granite Falls, Caldwell county.

The Mebane Masonic association, Inc., has \$10,000 authorized capital with \$500 paid in. The incorporators are A. N. Scott, W. S. Crawford, J. T. Shaw, A. B. Fitch and W. E. Ham. Falls Manufacturing company of Granite Falls, pays in \$25,000 of its \$200,000 capital. It manufactures cotton yarn, hosiery and other fabrics. G. H. Geithner, J. D. Elliott, Charles H. Geithner, G. L. Lively of Hickory.

300 COLORED ORPHANS THREATENED BY FLAMES

Home in Baltimore Catches Fire When Furniture Factory Burns.

Baltimore, Aug. 14.—Three hundred colored orphans were hastily carried from the St. Elizabeth home on St. Paul street near the center of the city early today while a fire raged in a furniture factory of Goldstrom Brothers next door.
The home caught fire but the children were removed to safety in St. Francis Airier's Catholic church and in dwellings of the neighborhood. The furniture factory was damaged to the extent of \$75,000, it is estimated.

COTTON CONSUMED ABOUT SAME AS IN YEAR 1914

Washington, Aug. 14.—Cotton consumed in the United States during the cotton year of 1915, which ended July 31 amounted to 5,598,798 running bales of lint and 468,589 bales of linters, the census bureau announced today.
In 1914 the consumption was 5,626,075 bales of lint and 268,675 bales of linters.

Mexican Soldiers Took Temporary Possession of Island No. 10 In Rio Grande During Raids' Height.

AMERICANS MYSTIFIED BY ACTION OF SOLDIERS

Peace Officers Have Adopted Summary Code In Dealing With Mexicans Suspected of Raiding.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson today telegraphed Governor Ferguson of Texas, who had asked that more federal troops be sent into the lower Rio Grande valley that General Funston was in charge of the border situation and that more troops would be sent of General Funston requested them.

General Funston reported to the war department, that after a conference with Governor Ferguson it had been agreed that no more troops would be needed at this time. General Funston added that most of the raiders had crossed the border near Brownsville and that they had been joined by about 25 Mexicans residing in Texas.

General Funston said he believed the bands of raiders had now been dispersed.

Brownsville, Tex., Aug. 14.—Carroll's raiders, it was learned today, took possession of Island No. 10 in the Rio Grande river for a short time while the Mexican raid were at their height a few days ago. The island is large and contains a stock for a considerable number of cattle.

Americans residing in the vicinity which is near Rio Grande City, 10 miles above here were mystified by the action of the Mexican soldiers. The soldiers later finally withdrew from the island.

Peace officers and rangers have adopted a summary code in handling suspected Mexicans.

Washington, Aug. 14.—President Wilson has given direction that sufficient troops should be held ready for any emergency on the border. Governor Ferguson's telegram asking for more troops to be sent into the lower Rio Grande valley, because of border raids is being held by the war department which is awaiting further word from General Funston in command of the border forces.

Acting Secretary Breckenridge reported that no new disorders had broken out and that any further troop movement would be left entirely to General Funston.

Detailed statements as to the distribution of troops were laid before the president, and officials took the view that if any troops were used further it could only be on the certification of Governor Ferguson that he could control the situation with state authorities and on his asking federal aid.

Major General Scott has been ordered to remain at El Paso for any mission that the state department may have on the border. He is also watching the border situation and is in communication with General Funston.

The war department officials say they have no knowledge of the work the state department of asking of the chief of staff.

No more troops have been ordered to the border.

Washington, Aug. 13.—The Mission Tex., chamber of commerce has wired the National Rifle association asking for rifles and ammunition immediately.

"In view of the reign of terror in the section," says the message, "there is urgent need of arms and ammunition for protection."

The National Rifle association distributes condemned army rifles to rifle practice clubs.
Lieut. Albert S. Jones, secretary of the rifle association, said the Mission people would have to form a club before the rifles could be furnished them and that it would take three or four months to organize it. He said that many rifle clubs had been formed in Texas and Arizona during the past two months and that many had been supplied with rifles.

published here, fixes an import duty of twenty cents in silver or ten cents in gold on each peso of Villa currency imported into territory under control of General Villa. Violation of the order, the decree says, will be punished by confiscation of the mis and one to seven months imprisonment.
The decree, it is declared, virtually repudiates Villa paper of a face value of millions of pesos now outside Villa territory. One peso Villa money is held at a fraction more than two cents a peso in El Paso. The decree is said to be specifically aimed at a local practice of buying the currency here for a fraction of two cents and spending it in Juarez.